

**Minutes of North and South Wheatley Village Hall
Committee Meeting
Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 7.30pm**



Present:

Carole Tasker	Chairman/ Cricket Club Representative
Geoff Ward	Vice Chairman/Bowls Club Representative
Rose Sharpe	Secretary/Treasurer/Village Representative
Matthew Bennett	Village Representative
Josie Bennett	Village Representative
Charles Hall	Churches in Wheatley Representative
Alan Guest	Wheatley Family History Representative
Alan Ryder	Village Representative
Leah Wilcox	WI Representative
Val Smelt	Brownie/Rainbows/Guides Representative
Kerry Driver	Booking Clerk/Caretaker

1. Apologies:

Charlotte Wright	Parish Council Representative
Sandy Sanderson	Village Representative
Wenda Tasker	Clays Horticultural Society Representative

2. Minutes of the May committee meeting:

(No meeting held in June 2017)

As previously circulated.

The minutes were signed as a true and correct record by CT

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

RS has purchased the water heater (Baby Burco) which is now in use. She has also bought the table trolley and is also in use.

GW ordered and purchased a new audio head set which is now up and running and has already been used.

CT is yet to contact the Retford Times regarding the village news section.

4. Correspondence:

RS read out a letter was received from the P.C to remind the keyholders of the barrier lock on the Village Hall drive to make sure that the barrier on the drive is locked after use. AR raised a concern that it is not possible to lock the barrier when in the open position and gave details of an accident elsewhere where this had been the case.

Action: RS to contact the P.C to bring this matter to their attention.

Post meeting note: this matter has now been resolved by Colin Keyworth, Chris Sharpe and Geoff Ward

5. Treasurer's June report: As circulated.

RS went through the monthly account. She explained that Severn Trent is now Water plus for Business Users so, in future, we will receive bills from Waterplus for sewerage and from Anglian water for our water supply. The water meter is difficult to read (it fills with mud and water) in order to avoid estimated bills and to check the bills.

Action: RS to contact Anglian Water to see if this can be improved.

Waikiki raised £1448.29 for village hall funds, this amount is up from last year.

Post meeting note: an additional £20 donation has been received for the Waikiki event

6. Caretaker' June report: As previously circulated. KD has concerns about the fire alarm system. AR reassured her that it was ok as it is tested weekly.

Action:KD to enquire about getting it serviced

The light outside the rear fire doors (school side) is out. This is one of the old ones and we need to replace with LED and also the one in the boiler room which needs a LED.

Action: MB to contact Ian, our electrician.

Christian Fellowship had problems with the new dishwasher which KD has sorted.

Wheatley School had left the hall in a mess after they had recently hired the hall for a production and this required additional hours by the caretaker to put right for the next booking of the hall. It was agreed that KD is to be paid an extra two hours wages and £20 to be added to the invoice issued to the School.

7. Fund raising:

CT informed the committee that we have been very successful in obtaining 2 very good acts from Village Ventures i.e. Jez Lowe on Saturday 10 December and also Bojangles on Saturday 20 January 2018.

Our next entertainment is Fordante, a crossover light classical group on Saturday 30 September. It was agreed we must promote this event with gusto. CT is to speak with Hilary Bennett with regards to having food on the evening. It was thought for the ticket price of £15 perhaps a welcome drink and canapés and a main course would be adequate.

The Quiz is to be updated and will be on Saturday 18 November

There are still seats spare on the Thursford coach trip on Thursday 9 November. Please contact Carole if you require tickets.

KD has a couple of new fund raising ideas. "Bark in the park" (a treasure hunt with dogs), and a soap box challenge to be called "Wheatley Whacky Races". The committee liked the ideas and agreed they should be developed.

MB handed RS a cheque for of £250, which has been donated to village hall funds from West Burton Power Station for the Tractor Run this year.

Action: CT is to write a letter of thanks and pass back to MB who will make sure it is delivered to the correct person.

8. Maintenance: No matters arising

9. Grants:

RS explained that the PC would welcome bids from the Village Hall committee for funds to continue the improvements. The PC does not meet in August but will be discussing bids from the community at its September meeting. RS suggested that we could approach it for funds to improve the stage area but would need to give costings to be considered. We have estimated costings for the replacement of the stage curtains and the proposed stud walls and doors for the stage wings. It was agreed that RS could approach Stage Systems for a quote for fascia panels for the stage front to complete a bid for stage area improvements. The purchase of dessert plates and additional small tables was also discussed and thought to be possible bids for funding. The replacement of the rear steps behind the stage with a ramp was also included.

Action: RS to obtain a quote from Stage Systems for stage front fascias

Action: RS to draw up a proposed bid for discussion at the August committee meeting of the Village Hall Committee

10. Newsletter: AR has next edition is in hand

12. **AOB:**

RS passed round the 'Declaration of Deed' to be signed by committee members.

MB said the PC has a Transparency Grant of £300 for the purchase of a tablet, laptop etc which is being offered to the VHC. The committee decided that KD would benefit from having a dedicated machine for Village Hall business

Action: MB to take the suggestion back to the PC

CH gave his apologies for the next meeting

Next Meeting:

Monday 7 August 4pm Fundraising and Social sub-group

Tuesday 15 August 7.30pm Committee meeting